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PRESIDENT ROBAK PRESIDING

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Good afternoon and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. I now call the afternoon session to order. Will senators please record your presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Yes, I do. Motion by Senator Kristensen with respect to 1154A. Enrollment and Review reports 1219, 1219A to Select File, and I have a series of reports that will be on file in the Clerk's Office. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1524-25 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We do turn now to LB 1209, a Speaker's Major Proposal.

CLERK: (LB) 1209 by the Natural Resources Committee. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 20 of this year, at that time referred to Natural Resources. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Madam President. (AM4002 is printed separately and referred to on page 1254 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to open on the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator (sic) Robak, members of the Legislature, at long last we are on the livestock bill and I can't tell you how long and how hard the committee has struggled on this, and I am, frankly, very proud of the version that they've come up with. It is not perfect. It cannot be perfect for a number of reasons, including some areas where our information is simply lacking. But, essentially, there were three livestock bills to start with, just to give you a sense of the...of the process. Senator Bohlke had a bill and Senator Schellpeper had a bill and there was a Natural Resources Committee bill, and there were three bills because this issue exploded on the scene early last summer and it exploded not